A.—Sri P. M. NADGOUDA (Minister for Development).—

Government has decided to hold elections to the Taluk Development Boards during the last week of November 1968.

P. W. D. Roads in Sorab Taluk

103. Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).—

Will the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the length of Public Works Department Road in Sorab Taluk;

(*b*) the length of roads metalled, non-metalled asphalted during the last three years ?

A.—Sri K. LAKKAPPA (Minister for Public Works).—

(*a*) 175 miles.

		M.	F.
(*b*) Metalled	...	3	5
Non-metalled	...	99	5
Asphalted	...	17	5½

Free Education

105 Sri G. RAME.GOWDA (Doddaballapur).—

Will the Minister for Education be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the date from which free Secondary Education came into force in the State;

(*b*) the meaning of term "Free Education";

(*c*) the amount of fee collected from each student studying in the Secondary Schools for the first term and second term (with separate details;

(*d*) the amount of fee collected for the S.S.L.C. Examination;

(*e*) the amount of fees collected from a failed student for the first term and second term (with separate details);

(*f*) the percentage of reduction in the collection of fees from High Schools in the State after the free Education is introduced ?

A.—Sri K. V. SHANKARA GOWDA (Minister for Education).—

(*a*) From the Academic year 1966-67 (*viz.*, from 30th May 1966).

(*b*) To impart Education without charging any tuition fees subject to satisfactory progress and conduct.

(*c*) *Fee*	*I term*	*II term*	*Total*
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Betterment ...	1.00 ...	5.00 ...	10.00
Sports ...	1.50 ...	1.50 ...	3.00
Reading room ...	1.00 ...	1.00 ...	2.00
Laboratory ...	1.00 ...	... ...	1.00
Medical ...	1.00 ...	... ...	1.00

Audio visual fee of Re. 1 may be charged in schools having facility for Audio Visual Education.

(*d*) For the entire examination Rs. 25 is collected and for appearing in parts the following are the rates of fees collected.

	Rs.
Part I	... 8
Part II	... 8
Part III	... 10
Part IV	... 10

In addition to this Examination fees, every student has to pay 50 paise for intimating the result by post.

(*e*) Apart from all the other fees mentioned in (*c*) above, the failed candidates are also required to pay tuition fees at the rates noted below :

Standard	VIII	...	Rs. 4	p.m.*
Standard	IX	...	Rs. 5	p.m.*
Standard	X	...	Rs. 5.50	p.m.*

(*f*) *Standard*	*Total Fees** before free Secondary Education was introduced.*	*Fees** collected now*	*percentage reduction.*
VIII ...	57	17	70.2
IX ...	67	17	74.6
X ...	72	17	76.4

* For 10 months in a year.

** Audio Visual Fee excluded, as it is not charged in all schools.

Sri GANGA BOVI.—I have moved a privilege motion.

Mr. SPEAKER.—I shall take up that motion to-morrow. The hon. Member had come to my chambers for personal discussion; then I have asked for some further information from him. After I get that information, I shall give my decision on the motion.

ARRANGEMENT OF SEPARATE LOBBY FOR PRESS

† ಶ್ರೀ ಎಸ್. ಶಿವಪ್ಪ (ಶ್ರವಣಬೆಳಗೊಳ).—ಸ್ವಾಮಿ, ಈ ಶಾಸನ ಸಭಾ ಭವನದಲ್ಲಿ ಲಾಬಿಗಳನ್ನು ಪುನರ್‌ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ, ಮತ್ತು ಪ್ರೆಸ್‌ಲಾಬಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಕಾಲದಲ್ಲಿ ಏನೆರ್ಲಾ ನಡೆದಿದೆಯೋ, ಇದಕ್ಕೆ ಎಲ್ಲಾ ನಾವು, ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದವರು ಕಾರಣವೆಂದು ಒಂದು ಭಾವನೆ ಬಂದಿದೆ. ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಲಾಬಿ ಮಾಡತಕ್ಕ ಕೆಲಸವು ವಿರೋಧ ಪಕ್ಷದವರು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು, ನಮಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆಂದು, ಅವರಿಗೆ ಬೇರೆ ಲಾಬಿ ಮಾಡಬೇಕೆಂದು ನಾವು ಮಾಡಿದ್ದು ಎಂಬುದು ಒಂದು ಪಿಸಿ ಪಿಸಿ ಮಾತು ನಡೆದಿದೆ. ಇದು ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದವರು ಹೇಳಿಸಿ ಬೇರೆ ಮಾಡಿ ಎಂದು ಹೇಳಿದಂತೆ ಒಂದು ವಾತಾವರಣ ಇಲ್ಲಿ ಉಂಟಾಗಿದೆ. ನಿಜವಾಗಿಯೂ ವಿರೋಧಪಕ್ಷದವರಿಗೂ ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನವರಿಗೂ ನಿಕಟ ಸಂಬಂಧ ಇದೆ. ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಮಗೆ ಅಪಾರವಾದ ಗೌರವ ಇದೆ, ಅವರ ಬಗ್ಗೆ ನಮಗೆ ತೊಂದರೆಯಾಗುತ್ತದೆ ಎಂದು ಯಾರೂ ವ್ಯಕ್ತಪಡಿಸಿಲ್ಲ. ನಮಗೆ ಅವರು ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಜೊತೆಗೆ ಇರತಕ್ಕದ್ದು ಬಹಳ ಸಂತೋಷಕರವಾದುದು. ಅಂಥ ಭಾವನೆ ಯಾರಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾದರೂ ಇದ್ದರೆ, ಅದನ್ನು ತೊಡೆದುಹಾಕಬೇಕು. ನಮಗೆ ಅವರು ಯಾವಾಗಲೂ ಸಹಕಾರಿಯಾಗುತ್ತಾರೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರವೇ, ಆಗಲಿ, ಅಥವಾ ಇನ್ನಿತರ ಯಾವ ಮಂತ್ರಿಯವರು ಯಾರೇ ಆಗಲಿ, ಆ ರೀತಿ ಒಂದು ತಪ್ಪು ಅಭಿಪ್ರಾಯವನ್ನು ತಾಳಿದ್ದರೆ, ಅದು ತಪ್ಪು ಎಂದು ನಾನು ಹೇಳುತ್ತೇನೆ. ಸರ್ಕಾರದವರು ಇದನ್ನು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಬೇಕು. ಈ ಅನುಮಾನ ನಮ್ಮ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ ನಡೆದಿಲ್ಲ. ಪ್ರೆಸ್ಸಿನವರು ಮುಂದೆ ಕೂಡ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಿತ್ರರು,-ಇಂದೂ ಕೂಡ ನಮ್ಮ ಮಿತ್ರರು. ನಮಗೆ ಅವರಿಂದ ಬಹಳ ಸಹಾಯವಾಗಿದೆ, ಇನ್ನು ಮುಂದೆಯೂ ಆಗುತ್ತದೆ. ಆದ್ದರಿಂದ ಇದು ನಮ್ಮ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ ಏನೂ ನಡೆದಿಲ್ಲವೆಂದು ಸ್ಪಷ್ಟಪಡಿಸಬೇಕಾಗಿದೆ.

† Sri H. SIDDAVEERAPPA (Harihar).—Sir, I want to add a word or two to what my leader has said. So far as the Press is concerned, we on this side have held them in the highest esteem on all occasions. I am one of those who believe that for the proper working of democracy, the Press has to play its important role; that is why, it is called the Fourth Estate in a democracy. I did not know what was taking place for the last few days regarding this matter. I was simply observing. I was so sorry when I found my friends of the Press were feeling a sort of sullenness at a mistaken impression that we on this side did not want to have them. Far from it. In fact, we always enjoyed their company. We were so happy with them. Even now, I would invite them to share whatever privileges we on this side have. But let it not go on record that we did not like their company or that we did not want them to be with us. Some arrangement that has been thought of to shift them, is not to our liking. Therefore, we, on this side, feel that some Minister or Deputy Minister on some occasion whispered into the ears of the members of the Press that we raised objection and that some of us carried tales against them to the Chief Minister. I do not think that any one of us on this side has done it. If anybody has done, we are prepared to make